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SUBJ: ALLEGED CONFISCATION OF WILSON FERREIRA'S
PROPERTY

REF: STATE 179998

1. UPON RECEIPT REFTEL EMBOFF SPOKE WITH LEGAL SOURCE WHO SAID MILITARY COURT ORDER EMBARGOING WILSON FERREIRA'S GOODS AND PROPERTIES HAD BEEN DELIVERED EARLIER THIS MONTH TO LAW AND ACCOUNTING FIRM WHICH HANDLES FERREIRA'S INTERESTS. PROPERTIES WERE NOT CONFISCATED, BUT NEITHER CAN THEY BE SOLD OR OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF. ALSO EMBARGOED WAS THE ESTATE OF THE LATE HECTOR GUTIERREZ RUIZ.

2. SOURCE SAID HE ASSUMED EMBARGO WAS A PRELUDE TO FURTHER LEGAL ACTION AGAINST FERREIRA. HE CLAIMED TO HAVE NO IDEA AS TO BASIS FOR ANY POSSIBLE COURT ACTION, BUT SUPPOSED A WARRANT FOR FERREIRA, BASED ON EITHER OF TWO POSSIBLE CHARGES, WOULD FOLLOW. ONE POSSIBLE CHARGE DATES FROM 1972 WHEN THE MILITARY WERE INCENSED AT FERREIRA'S SUPPOSEDLY HAVING AIRED SECRETS IN THE SENATE (WHERE HE ENJOYED IMMUNITY) AND THE OTHER COULD STEM FROM RUMORS CURRENTLY CIRCULATING THAT FERREIRA HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN AN ARMS DEAL WITH THE TUPAMAROS.

3. A SECOND SOURCE CONSULTED INDIRECTLY IS SAID TO HAVE

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BEEN COMPLETELY FAMILIAR WITH THE PROBLEM. ACCORDING TO

HIM, THE COURT ORDER EMBARGOING PROPERTY WAS BASED ON A LONG-STANDING, SUBSTANTIAL UNPAID DEBT. ASKED IF NATURE OF DEBT WERE KNOWN, SOURCE SPECULATED THAT IT HAD TO DO WITH CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES.

4. ACCORDING TO LONG-STANDING URUGUAYAN LAW, PROPERTY OF PERSONS AGAINST WHOM AN ARREST WARRANT HAS BEEN ISSUED, CAN BE EMBARGOED. PURPOSE IS TO HOLD FOR POSSIBLE LATER SALE TO SATISFY COST TO THE STATE IF THE PERSON IS LATER CONVICTED AND SENTENCED. SIRACUSA

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